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SENATOR ALLARD PRAISES PRESIDENT BUSH'S SELECTION OF ALBERTO GONZALES FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) on Wednesday praised President Bush's choice of Alberto Gonzales to replace outgoing Attorney General John Ashcroft and pledged his support through the upcoming Senate confirmation process:

"Alberto Gonzales is an outstanding choice for our new attorney general. His long and extensive record of public service, which includes his service as a jurist on the Texas Supreme Court and Special Counsel to the President of the United States, will serve him well in this critical cabinet position. My hope is that my Senate colleagues will act expeditiously in confirming this most qualified individual as our next attorney general.

"As the nation's first Hispanic attorney general and a Texas native, Alberto Gonzales will bring a uniquely qualified perspective to America's top law enforcement office, and I look forward to working toward his confirmation in the Senate."

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